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Mr. Charles Ingersoll
Director of Planning and Programming
Illinois Department of Transportation
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Springfield, IL 62764

Attention: Mr. Keith Sherman
Bureau of Urban Program Planning

Subject: Transportation Improvement Program Amendment
Chicago Metropolitan Area

Dear Mr. Ingersoll:

We approve the amendment and accept the administrative modification to the FY 2007-2012 Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Transportation Improvement Program and the FY 2009-2012 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as submitted with your letter dated January 8, 2009. This action has been taken after consultation with the Federal Transit Administration.

We can now consider project authorization requests related to this STIP amendment. Requests must be submitted according to our letter to the Illinois Department of Transportation, "Transportation Planning Support for Obligation for Federal-aid Highway Project Funds" dated December 29, 1995.

Sincerely,

John M. Donovan, AICP
Transportation Planning Specialist

For: Norman R. Stoner, P.E.
Division Administrator

Enclosure





Illinois Department of Transportation

Office of Planning and Programming
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Jan. 8, 2010

Mr. Norman Stoner
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
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Attention: John Donovan

Dear Mr. Stoner:

Attached for your approval and use in accordance with paragraph 23 CFR 450.326 is copies of highway amendments to the 2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program for the CMAP Transportation Committee. Administrative modifications to the TIP are provided for you information. The Transportation Committee of the MPO approved the TIP amendments on Jan 5, 2010.

The Northeastern Illinois region has committed itself to the integration of transportation and air quality planning. To this end, the MPO has developed procedures for incorporating air quality objectives into the transportation planning process. The TIP amendments, being transmitted by this letter, are in accordance with USDOT metropolitan regulations and USEPA transportation conformity regulations. The MPO has determined that the TIP amendments are in conformance with the State Implementation Program. The changes resulting from these amendments have no effect on the emissions estimates made for the region's conformity determination

We consider the estimate of costs included in the Transportation Improvement Program to be realistic. We concur with the fiscal consistency analysis included in the TIP. The total cost of the TIP remains consistent with the amount of funds expected to be available to this area during the TIP time period. The Department, on behalf of the Governor of Illinois, concurs with the projects listed in this TIP.

The State of Illinois would also like to amend its FY 2009-2012 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to incorporate these amendments to the CMAP Transportation Committee 2007-2012TIP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith Sherman".

Keith Sherman, Chief
Urban Planning and Programming